



County of San Diego

JEAN M. SHEPARD
DIRECTOR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

WILMA J. WOOTEN, M.D., M.P.H. 1700 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101-2417
INTERIM PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER (619) 531-5800 FAX (619) 515-6707

Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)
Chief Darrell Jobs, Chair/Dan Graham, Vice-Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
6255 Mission Gorge Road
San Diego, CA 92120
(619) 285-6429 FAX (619) 285-6531

Community Epidemiology
Emergency & Disaster Medical Services
HIV/STD Hepatitis
Immunization
Maternal, Child and Family Health Services
Public Health Laboratory
PH Nursing/Border Health
TB Control & Refugee Health
Vital Records

MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Outlaw, Liz – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Counties
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Sarro, Lt. Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies

Vacant

Binational EMCC
Emergency Physicians' Society
League of California Cities
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society

Members Absent

Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Schroeder, David – Fourth District

Guests Present

Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Majerczak, R.N., Karen - Tri-City
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

County Staff Present

Metz, R.N., Marcy

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Darrell Jobs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Chairperson Jobs announced that Wayne Johnson has been appointed to the EMCC as the alternate from the San Diego County Ambulance Association.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Kelly Forman, R.N., to approve the Minutes of March 22, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Melody Dotson, R.N., to approve policies S-008, S-017, S-803 and S-835 as submitted. MOTION carried.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

County EMS continues to keep an eye on the developments with the sale of Paradise Valley Hospital. Dr. Haynes and Rebecca Pate, R.N., County EMS, have been meeting with staff there and the hospital is continuing to work on its' certification issues with CMMS.

The door-to-balloon times preliminary data for STEMI patients looks good and is meeting the expected door-to-balloon time of less than or equal to 90 minutes. The first full quarter of data will soon be available.

The Health Safety Net groups are continuing to meet on funding, advocacy and care coordination. Dr. Haynes is Chair of the South County Task Force and is very active and involved in the South Bay issues, including continuing to review bypass issues.

A recent SONGS (San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station) drill went well. A report will be forthcoming.

Information from hospitals on reporting infectious disease exposures from the field personnel is almost completed. County EMS is also in the process of obtaining 24-hour, seven days-a-week contact information from all the agencies. A task force will be reconvened to review the form which hasn't been updated for several years, then that information will be disseminated.

The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) recently sent out a letter regarding rapid evaluations of patients in custody. San Diego Police deputies will begin to take detainees needing clearance to the closest emergency department, rather than concentrating on a small number of hospitals.

The March, 2007 hospital capacity report showed 38% of possible data reported. There is some discussion about looking at different data points.

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Babatunde Jinadu, M.D., will begin employment as the new County Public Health Officer beginning June 8, 2007.

The County is recruiting for a Public Health Administrator. Anyone interested in applying for that position should have their application submitted to County Human Resources by June 1, 2007.

Recruitment continues for the three Quality Assurance Specialist positions at County EMS. Additional advertisements in the local and State Emergency Nurses Association newsletters will be conducted.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS